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Title: The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office laid a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 175th Report of Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Department of Space.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): I beg to lay this statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 175th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants 2007-2008 of Department of Space, in pursuance of direction 73A of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, issued under the provisions of Rule 389 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part II (No.456) dated September 1, 2004.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee took evidence of the representatives of the Department of Space on 2nd April 2007 while considering Demands for Grants for the year 2007-2008. The Committee recommended the Demands for Grants of the Department of Space in its 175th Report presented to Rajya Sabha on 26th April 2007 and laid on the table of the Lok Sabha on 26th April 2007.

The Standing Committee, in its report, made eight (8) recommendations in respect of 11th Five Year Plan, Space Capsule Recovery Experiment, Planetary Exploration, Space Applications and HRD. The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the actions suggested in the recommendations has been furnished by Department of Space in August 2007, which is under the consideration of the Standing Committee. A statement showing the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee and the Action Taken Report on the same is also laid on the Table of the House.

* Laid on the Table and also Placed in Library. See No. LT 7784/2007.

12.07½ hrs.